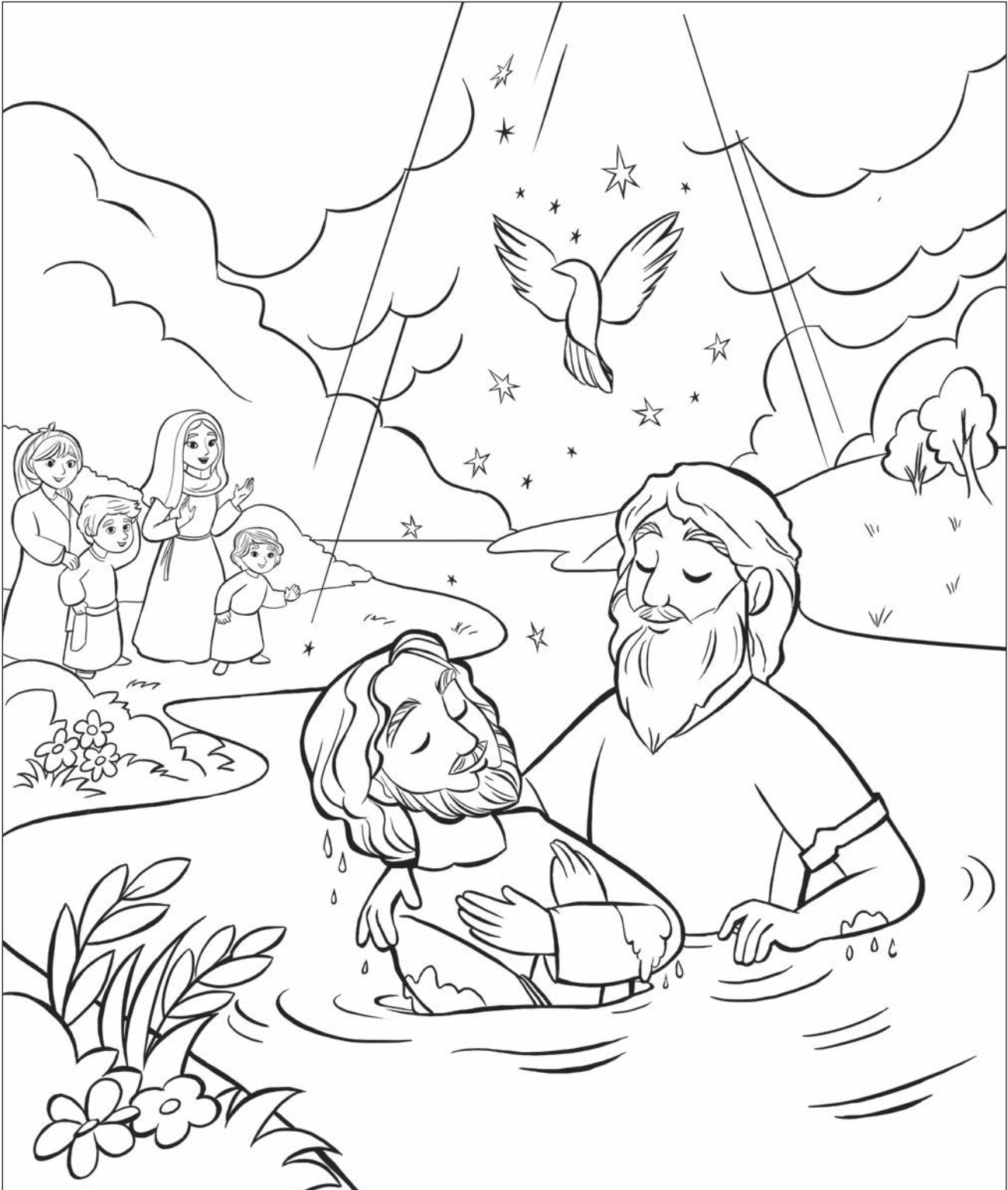


6A

Jesus' Baptism – Coloring Page

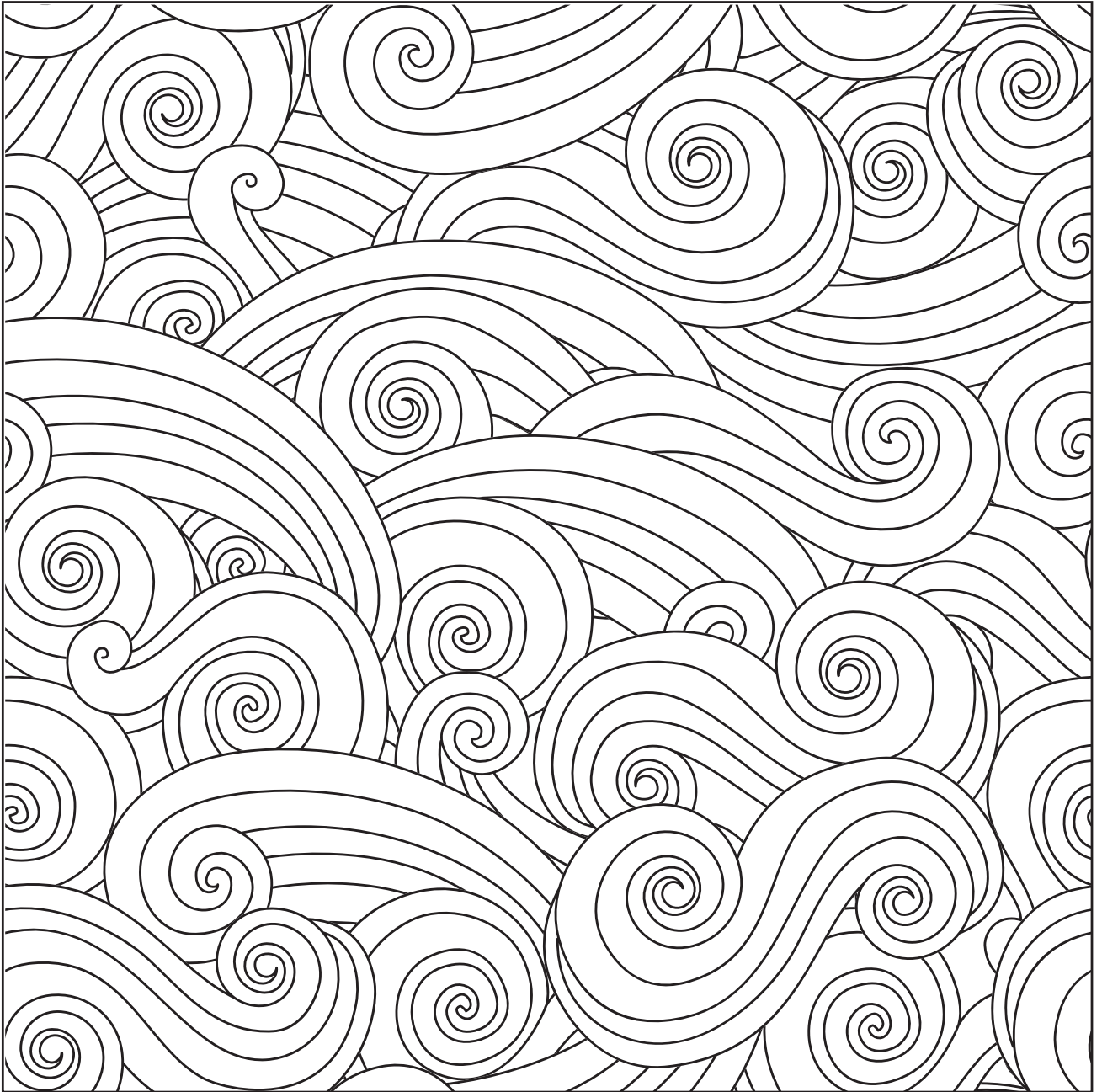
One day Jesus came to the water to be baptized. As John baptized him, Jesus saw a dove come down from the sky. Then Jesus heard God's voice: "You are my Son! I love you dearly."



6B

Mindful Coloring – Coloring Page

In today's Bible story, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the river. Color the waves below using colored pencils. Use only "cool" colors. Cool colors include shades of green, blue, and purple.



John the Baptist's Words – Puzzle

In today's Bible story, John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Before Jesus was baptized, some people thought John was the Messiah (the Savior). Decode the message below to see what John said to the people. Use the code at the bottom of the page. If you get stuck, take a look at Luke 3:16a in a *Common English Bible*.

H O P A W H Q L R B V
 T H W I T P W L Y, O V W
 W T L B C L T I B H X
 D B Y L A B T L Y K V E
 W T P C D L
 H X N B D H C J.



Write all the letters of the alphabet in the first row. Then solve the coded message below where A = P, B = O, and so forth.

P	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A	Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q																	

Baptism Fast Facts – Activity

Take turns reading from the information in the boxes on this page.

1

John was a man who baptized people in a river. John was saying, "Change your hearts and lives." The people who were coming to John felt bad about things they had done. Have you ever felt bad for something you've done? What did you do to feel better? By getting baptized, the people were telling God they were sorry.

**3**

John was baptizing people in the Jordan River. The Jordan River was an important place in the history of Israel. First, Joshua led the people of Israel across the Jordan River on dry ground (Joshua 3). Then the prophets Elijah and Elisha crossed the river on dry ground many years later (2 Kings 2). By baptizing in the Jordan, John was reminding the people of God's saving activities in the past.

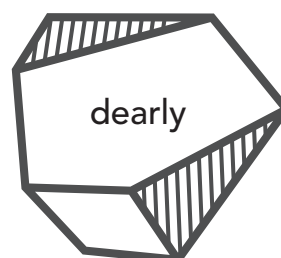
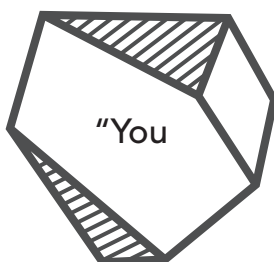
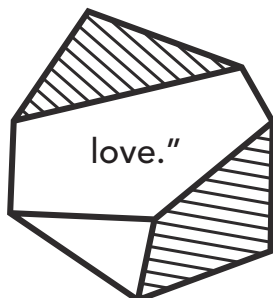
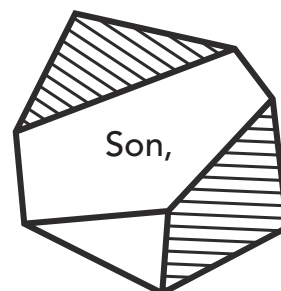
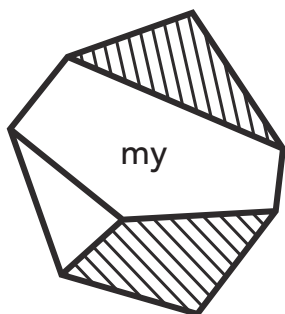
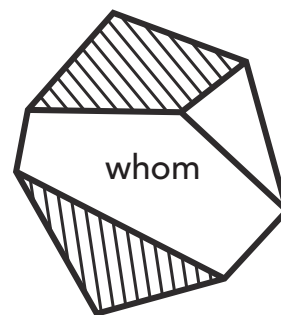
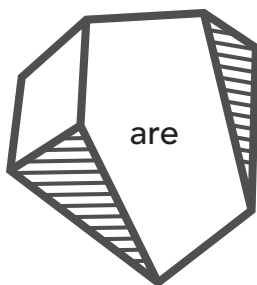
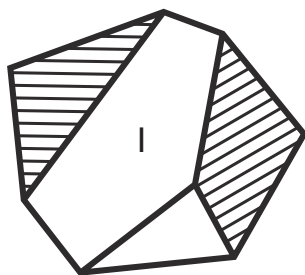
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The Bible tells us that John wore clothes made of camel hair and had a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. John spent time in the wilderness baptizing and preaching about God's kingdom. John's dress and the things he did reminded people of prophets from the Old Testament. John helped people prepare for the coming of God's Savior.

6E

Bible Verse Stones – Bible Skills

Arrange the Bible verse in order.



Jesus' Baptism – Luke 3:1-22

John was known as the Baptizer.

Baptizing people was a way for people to feel close to God.

When people went into the river, it was a way of saying, "I want to change my life. I want to live how God wants me to live."

People came to John to be baptized.

They went into the water to be baptized. They felt God's love for them.

Some people wondered, "Could John be the Savior we've waited for?"

But John made it clear for them. He was not the Savior.

"When the Savior comes," John said, "he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"

One day Jesus came to the water to be baptized.

As John baptized him, Jesus saw a dove come down from the sky.

The dove was a sign of God's presence.

Then Jesus heard God's voice:

"You are my Son!" the voice said. "I love you dearly."



Family Spiritual Practice

Bible Passage: Luke 3:1-22

Wonder: After reading the Bible story from the Bible or from the *Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook*, wonder together. **Ask:** What reminds you of God's presence?

Do: Together, take a prayer walk through your neighborhood. Pray for your neighbors as you walk.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for journeying with us as we grow in love. Amen.

6G

Dove Dot-to-Dot

When Jesus came out of the water, God said, "You are my Son ...in you I find happiness." and a dove appeared. Connect the dots and color the dove as you remember that you are a child of God, and you bring God happiness!

